

Claims

1. A data processing apparatus comprising:

plural output terminals for outputting digital data to which predetermined control data to be supplied is added; and

control means for controlling output of each said output terminal in order to output said digital data via only one specified output terminal from among said plural output terminals according to the contents of copy restriction based on said control data.

2. The data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said control means adds the predetermined control data to said digital data to be output via only said one specified output terminal.

3. The data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the contents of said copy restriction shows that copy is prohibited, or copy is allowed only once.

4. A data processing method, wherein

in the case of externally outputting digital data to which predetermined control data to be supplied is added, via plural output systems, said output systems are controlled in order to output said digital data via only one specified output system out of said plural output systems according to the contents of copy

restriction based on said control data.

5. The data processing method according to Claim 4, wherein said control means adds predetermined control data to said digital data to be output via only said one specified output terminal.

6. The data processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the contents of said copy restriction show that copy is prohibited, or copy is allowed only once.

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